



JANUARY 2024

Dear Community Members,

Happy 2024! I'm hopeful many are sticking to their new year's resolution, keeping the momentum going for a healthy 2024. Earlier in January, we honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy with a National Day of Service. It's heartwarming to witness those who continue to be of service in our community and I encourage everyone to live by Dr. King Jr.'s legacy of peace and unity throughout the year.

Broward County Transit Update

Broward County Transit (BCT) commemorated a historic milestone as we continue the path of providing clean transportation. Recently, BCT held the ribbon cutting ceremony for its inaugural electric express coach bus, providing sustainable and efficient transportation options for the region. The new electric coach bus began service on



Monday, January 22, 2024, taking passengers between Broward and Miami Dade County. This significant achievement demonstrates the County's vision for providing a greener future. The new bus provides seating for 54 passengers, free Wi-Fi and is estimated to travel up to 230 miles per charge offering a comfortable and eco-friendly travel experience.



Also, the Board of County Commissioners recently approved additional transportation choices for BCT's Late-Shift Connect Program. The Late-Shift Connect program provides a transportation solution for transit dependent residents to access employment opportunities outside of BCT's bus service hours. Based on the public's input about the program, trip subsidies have increased from \$15 to \$30 to

improve the distance customers can travel and trips have increased from five to seven days. For more information about what BCT has to offer, visit. Broward.org/BCT.

Broward County Parks and Recreation Update:

Broward County Parks and Recreation Division have adjusted its gate entry fees for regional parks. The new fee for weekends and holidays is \$3 per vehicle for up to eight people. The changes provide residents and visitors a more convenient rate that is aligned with industry standards and competitive among southeastern Florida parks and recreation agencies. These funds will help support ongoing efforts to maintain, improve and preserve the County's parks.

Additionally, Broward County's Parks and Recreation Division recently completed its first systemwide Master Plan, designed to help direct staff as we continue to improve our parks, amenities, and services for Broward County's growing and diverse population. The comprehensive report covers a wide range of topics. Most importantly, the findings have identified needed capital improvements that will improve our parks system and the level of service, educational programs, infrastructure, and greenways in our community. For more information on the great things happening at our parks, visit Broward.org/Parks.



Broward County's Cultural Division Updates:



Broward County's Cultural Division continues to make a tremendous impact in our community. One of the great aspects of our Cultural Division is the partnerships they create with many organizations, but more specifically, with our local municipalities. The Cultural Division recently announced its partnership with the City of Wilton Manors as they begin the process of shaping the City's artistic landscape. In collaboration with the Cultural Divisions Public Art and Design Program, the City is seeking the public's input to help form the City's new Public Art Plan. We recognize the important role of residents and stakeholders in the community this process begins. Residents, business owners and individuals working within the City can be a part of the process by [taking the survey](#), available now through April 30, 2024. For more information on all the wonderful things Broward Cultural Division is working on, visit Broward.org/Arts.



Upcoming Events:

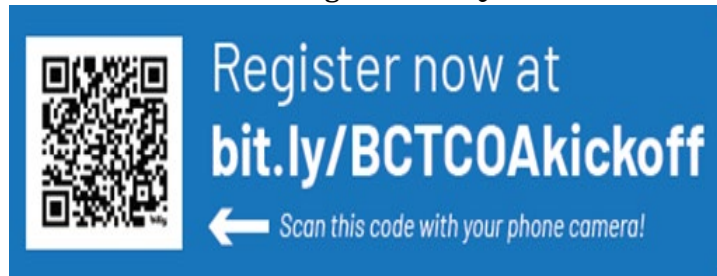


Ignite Broward Festival runs through Sunday, January 28. Ignite Broward is an interactive art and technology, family friendly festival presented by the Cultural Division in various locations across Broward County. For more information, visit IgniteBroward.com.



Broward's Office of Economic and Small Business Development is hosting a special presentation on export opportunities to Italy, focused on the healthcare sector on Monday, January 29, 2024, from 1-5pm. Visit Broward.org/EconDev and click on event for more information.

Broward County Transit is inviting all BCT riders and community members who are curious about transit and want to help shape the future of our transit system to join a virtual kickoff meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 6-7pm via Zoom. To register or for more information about this meeting scan the QR code below.



ArtLit 2024 Festival, a free, popular community celebration of art and literature for all ages, takes place on Saturday, February 10, from 12–5pm at Lauderhill Central Park, 3810 NW 11th Place (NE corner of Sunrise Blvd. & 441) in Lauderhill. This year marks the seventh anniversary of the signature library event.

As always, I am truly thankful to serve you and Commission District 4. If I can ever be of assistance, please contact me at 954-357-7004 or LFisher@broward.org. Also, follow me [@LamarPFisher](https://twitter.com/LamarPFisher) on X (Twitter) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LamarPFisher).

Best regards,



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Additional Resources:

- Libraries: Broward.org/Library
- Parks: Broward.org/Parks
- Business Assistance: Broward.org/EconDev
- Broward's Official Hurricane Site: Broward.org/Hurricane
- Mosquito Control Services: Broward.org/Mosquito
- Fort Lauderdale International Airport: Broward.org/Airport
- Port Everglades: PortEverglades.net